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SUBJECT: FORMER GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEE RELEASED ON BAIL

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¶1. (C) Police told embassy contacts that on February 28 former Guantanamo Bay detainee Mubarak Hussain was released on bail from Dhaka Central Jail. The charge of violating Bangladeshi immigrations laws for entering the country without a passport is still pending. No trial date has been set.

¶2. (SBU) Local TV media showed Hussain returning to his village in Brahmyanbaria on March 1. He recounted his arrest, detention, and release.

¶3. (SBU) In the past few weeks, the government has released thousands of prisoners from overcrowded jails to make room for additional arrests as part of a national crackdown on corruption.

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